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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Wright

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Melissa Colonis and Liviu Haiducu.

Whereas, Dr. Melissa Colonis and Liviu Haiducu received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) in 2013;

Whereas, The PAEMST is the highest honor given by the United States government for K-12 mathematics and science teaching;

Whereas, This award was established by Congress in 1983 and authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year;

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Whereas, Dr. Melissa Colonis currently teaches 9th-12th grade Algebra 1, and 11th and 12th grade Advanced Placement Calculus, at Lafayette Jefferson High School;

Whereas, An educator for more than 20 years and a National Board Certified Teacher, Melissa implements differentiated instruction techniques to account for the kinesthetic, auditory, tactile, and visual learners in her classes;

Whereas, Melissa earned a B.A. degree from Purdue University, an M.S. degree from Santa Clara University, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University and is a certified mathematics teacher for grades 1 through 12;

Whereas, A Romanian American, Liviu Haiducu has spent 16 years teaching all levels of physics at Avon High School and Avon Advanced Learning Center;

Whereas, Liviu's passion for physics extends beyond the walls of his classroom;

Whereas, Using grants and personal funds, Liviu created the Power of Physics Project that aims at increasing the exposure to and excitement for physics at precollegiate levels;

Whereas, Liviu has been a presenter in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program through the University of Notre Dame since 2012;

Whereas, Liviu earned a B.A. in physics and biophysics from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and an M.S. in physics and biophysics from Purdue University; and

Whereas, Outstanding teachers such as Dr. Melissa Colonis and Liviu Haiducu deserve special recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates Dr. Melissa Colonis and Liviu Haiducu on being named
- 3 recipients of the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in



1 Mathematics and Science Teaching. The members of the Indiana
2 House of Representatives thank them for their dedication to the youth
3 of our state.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Melissa
6 Colonis and Liviu Haiducu and to the administrations of Lafayette
7 Jefferson High School and Avon High School.

